

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2006**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE AREA IN THE VICINITY OF THE TAYLORSVILLE ROAD/I-265 INTERCHANGE TO RESOLVE LONG RANGE LAND USE PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

**Sponsored By: Councilman Stuart Benson**

**WHEREAS**, the Floyd's Fork corridor has long been identified as a significant community asset, recognized by multiple individual plans as well as Cornerstone 2020, and recent discussions about projects proposed or under study within the vicinity of the Taylorsville Road and the I-265 interchange underscore the desirability of that area for both housing and commercial development; and

**WHEREAS**, at least five projects propose significant changes in the current character, transportation, and land use patterns of the area which may alter its form district status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Urton Lane corridor and its location have not been resolved to produce a viable path to improve transportation and connectivity, and in fact, the most recent corridor study pointed out the need for a broader, more coordinated effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kentucky Department of Transportation (KDOT) has announced a study of transportation needs of the Taylorsville Road corridor from Watterson Trail in Jeffersontown south to the intersection of KY 155 and KY 148; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent binding element added by the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the Metro Council) suggested that a master transportation plan would be developed in calendar year 2007 for the Floyd's Fork area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the KDOT is also undertaking a study of a new interchange with I-64 which would provide a connection to Taylorsville Road south of I-265; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Parks Department and 21st Century Parks have just engaged a consultant to design and plan the City of Parks initiative just south of this area; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Planning and Design Services has been funded to pursue a Character Study (including karst topography, conservation subdivisions, etc.) which potentially impacts the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tyler Rural Settlement District Plan is coming to completion along the same corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the current pending or proposed development plans in the area call for an additional 500,000 square feet of commercial construction and 435 residential units; and the proposed level of development intensity would not be consistent with the current zoning or form district designations; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed level of development will generate the need for additional infrastructure improvements, including sewer and water lines to serve the area, and these improvements should be coordinated simultaneously with transportation and land use planning for the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed level of development and land use changes should be closely coordinated with any proposed transportation improvements, infrastructure needs and improvements, and other pending studies, and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Metro Planning Commission petitioned the Metro Council to adopt a resolution similar in content and with the identical intent as the Planning Commission's resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A, which addresses the need for a unified study in conjunction with a delay in processing applications for development proposals in the area;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** Each entity pursuing a development proposal, transportation plan, land use plan, or parks plan within the boundary shown on the attached map (Exhibit B) is hereby requested to form a strategic coalition for the purposes of pursuing a joint study of the area to resolve its long-range issues and potential. Such a study shall be undertaken by the Planning Commission (Planning and Design Services staff), with participation by the various stakeholder groups comprising the coalition outlined above, with the results reported back to the Planning Commission within no more than a 120 day period from the award of the contract for the study, and reported back to Metro Council within 180 days from the award of the contract for the study.

**SECTION II:** The Planning Commission is directed to postpone its review, and Planning and Design Services is directed to stop its processing of any new applications for development proposals in the study area until such time as the Planning Commission adopts the study, but not longer than July 1, 2007. The Planning Commission may review requests for modifications to approved projects.

**SECTION III:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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Kathleen J. Herron  
Metro Council Clerk

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Kevin J. Kramer  
President of the Council

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Jerry E. Abramson  
Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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